

Remarks

Claims 1-19 and 40 are cancelled herein without prejudice. After entry of this amendment, claims 20-39 will be pending in this application.

Response to Restriction Requirement

The Office action dated September 25, 2008 requires applicants to elect one of the following groups of claims:

- Group I - Claims 1-19 and 40, directed to a method of manufacturing/packaging a flexural resonator; and
- Group II - Claims 20-39, directed to a package for a sensor.

Applicants hereby elect, without traverse, Group II corresponding to claims 20-39. Claims 1-19 and 40 have been cancelled. Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application directed to the non-elected subject matter.

Species Election

The Office action also requires election of one of the following species for Group II:

- Species 1 - Figs. 1 & 2;
- Species 2 - Fig. 5D;
- Species 3 - Figs. 6D and 6E;
- Species 4 - Fig. 7; and
- Species 5 - Fig. 8D.

Applicants note Figs. 3A and 3B are not included in any of the species listed in the Office action. Applicants believe Figs. 3A and 3B were unintentionally omitted from the description of

Species 1. For example, paragraph [0035] of the specification explains "a resonator, such as the assembly in Fig. 1, may be combined with one or more other devices" carried on a common platform, which is what is illustrated in Figs. 3A and 3B. Further, the Office action states claim 20, which includes recitation of an ASIC and secondary component (e.g., as illustrated in Figs. 3A and 3B), is a generic claim. Because the ASIC 126 and secondary component 130 illustrated in Figs. 3A and 3B are not illustrated in Figs. 1 or 2, it is understood that the Examiner has included disclosure associated with Figs. 3A and 3B in the analysis to determine that Species 1 is encompassed by generic claim 20. Accordingly applicants hereby elect Species 1. Each of claims 20-39 reads on Species 1.

If applicants' understanding that Figs. 3A and 3B are grouped with Species 1 is incorrect, applicants provisionally elect Species 1 with traverse on the grounds that the species restriction is improper because it does not provide applicants the opportunity to elect any species including the disclosure associated with Figs. 3A and 3B. Further, if Species 1 does not include Figs. 3A and 3B, applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the species restriction and request that any subsequent species election identify every species disclosed in the application so applicants can elect any of them, including particularly the species illustrated in Figs. 3A and 3B.

Information Disclosure Statement

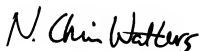
A supplemental information disclosure statement is submitted herewith along with a copy of the "Oil Quality Sensor" reference.

Information concerning the publication dates for non-patent literature has been provided to the extent it is available to the applicants.

Conclusion

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge \$1,110 for a three month extension of time and any fee deficiency in connection with this Amendment A to Deposit Account Number 19-1345 in the name of Senniger Powers.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "N. Chris Walters". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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